Topics to Include in Your Friends of Scouting Presentation

How Your Dollars Help Scouting Serve Your Youth:

A. Scouting helps the community:

1. Troops can collect food and clothes for disadvantaged families in your community.
2. Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers can earn the Emergency Preparedness BSA badge when they learn age-appropriate ways to be of help in case of a major disaster. Cub Scouts learn what to do to protect themselves, their family, and home; older Scouts and Venturers learn to assist in crowd control, safety, first aid, clean-up, and messenger service.
3. To be an Eagle Scout, a boy must accomplish a community project such as a park clean-up, bike rodeo, blood donor sign-up, etc.
4. Cub Scout packs and Boy Scout troops can provide color- or honor-guards and participate in parades, meetings, etc.
5. Boy Scouts often participate in the clean-up of highways, rivers, and parks.
6. Some Scouts visit and spend time with shut-ins and the elderly in the community.
7. Scouts often help restore historical structures or develop historical trails.
8. Scouts can usher, park cars, or participate in other ways at festivals, parades, and events.
9. Some Scouts plant trees, help renovate local landmarks, or improve community parks.
10. Scouts do service projects for churches, schools, and community centers.
11. Scouts and Venturers can cooperate with local law enforcement to promote crime prevention.

B. Scouting instills values in youth with a code of conduct that emphasizes duty to God, to country, and to self.

C. Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers in your community can have wonderful outdoor experiences at (name(s) of council's camping facilities).

D. Scouting provides an opportunity for local kids to learn and play together in an organized program that stresses family involvement, ethical values, and service to others.

E. Communication between your local Scout groups and the council service center include a monthly newsletter, meeting announcements, Scouting materials, telephone help, records of boys' achievement, badges, and literature.

F. Liability insurance is provided to protect all registered Scouts and leaders. Unit accident insurance can be purchased for a nominal cost.

G. Scouting protects your Scouts by screening requests for services and money-earning proposals, and by guarding against improper commercialism and exploitation.

H. The BSA local council provides program help, videos, leader awards, and other services for the people of your area (county, district, etc.).

I. The district executive is the paid Scouting person in your community. The district executive:

1. Organizes the youth of your community into a Scouting program, and through the adult volunteers, supports community objectives.
2. Provides training for the community adults who become volunteer Scouting leaders.
3. Helps community leaders fight local problems (drug abuse, gangs, illiteracy, hunger, etc.) through Scouting, and also helps accomplish local objectives through unit service projects, Eagle Scout projects, and Good Turns.
4. Helps pastors, school principals, and other local leaders use Scouting to serve youth.
5. Counsels volunteer leaders on program resources, camping, other activity areas, and good troop operation.

Obviously, your district executive needs to spend time in your area helping and working with people. Besides salary, a travel allowance is provided to cover the cost of gasoline, tires, meals, lodging for overnight visits, etc.

J. Here in (community), the cost of instilling values in one Scout is $(amount) per year. Scouting depends on families, individuals, and businesses to support this cost, which is above and beyond the national registration fee, camp, and uniform costs.